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In re the Application of:

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For: FLUID DYNAMIC BEARING APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

November 23, 2005

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of October 25, 2005, requiring an election among various species of the subject invention under the provisions of 35 USC § 121.

In the Office Action, it was indicated that the application is directed to five patentably distinct species: Species I-Claims 1-5; Species II-Claims 6-7; Species III-Claim 8; Species IV-Claims 9-10; and Species V-Claims 11-15.

Applicant hereby elects **Species I** for examination on the merits in this application. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the subject matter of the non-elected species. Applicant was further required to list the claims readable on the elected species. The claims which read on the elected species are **claims 1 to 5**.

Favorable consideration the subject application is respectfully requested.

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OA dated 10/25/05
Response dated 11/23/05

In the event this paper is not timely filed, the undersigned hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for this extension may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340, along with any other additional fees which may be required with respect to this response.

Respectfully submitted,

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